



## **Executive Director Begins March 1, 2006**

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Jennifer Clancy, MSW, began her role as the Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on March 1, 2006. Ms. Clancy has been involved in transforming mental health systems for the past 13 years, with notable efforts in California and New Mexico. Most recently she served as the Executive Director of United Advocates for Children of California (UACC). UACC is the statewide children's family advocacy organization. While at UACC, Ms. Clancy also directed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funded national Statewide Family Networks Training and Technical Assistance Center. This Center provides training and technical assistance in the area of organizational capacity development to 42 other statewide family advocacy organizations across the United States.

Prior to her position at UACC, Ms. Clancy worked as a clinical social worker at the University of New Mexico with transition age youth and adults. While in New Mexico, she also managed a clinical social work department at Carrie Tingley Hospital, a state hospital in New Mexico for children with developmental disabilities and special health care needs.

In addition to her professional experience with mental health systems and services, Ms. Clancy has personally experienced the effects of mental health challenges and successes in her family. She brings to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission a history of both personal and professional advocating for individuals and families with mental health care needs. Ms. Clancy is biracial and she has a passion addressing the unique needs of historically underserved, marginalized, and oppressed culturally diverse communities. She is keenly aware of the needs of all individuals and families who are impacted by mental health challenges and the systems which attempt to serve them. She is very interested in bringing multiple perspectives to the shaping of the Mental Health Services Act implementation.